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## PATENT APPLICATION

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q77458

Akiharu FUKUDA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/670,367

Group Art Unit: 2856

Confirmation No.: 6876

Examiner: Miller, Rose Mary

Filed: September 26, 2003

For: TILT ANGLE MEASURING APPARATUS

### COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

#### MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the October 21, 2004 Notice of Allowance, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks.

In the Reasons for Allowance provided as part of the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner states that "The prior art of record fails to teach and/or suggest a tilt angle measuring apparatus, comprising, in combination with the other recited elements, a case including a case body arranged on a vehicle side, a holder that holds the ultrasonic sensors and is supported in the case body, and a cover that has horn parts directly below the ultrasonic sensors and covers a portion of the holder."

Applicants respectfully submit that the aforementioned reasons generally paraphrase portions of features included in independent claims 1, 2, and/or 3, and that the reasons do not affect the claim scope of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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